Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for converting ~~an~~ e-mail (electronic mail) data into ~~an~~ audio data, comprising:

a communication connector connected ~~with~~ to a communication line and ~~to control a transmission of an e-mail data and an e-mail audio data, the communication connector~~ comprising:

a controller configured ~~to control receiving and sending e-mail data pertaining to an e-mail and~~ to control a conversion ~~from the~~ of received e-mail data into e-mail message header data, ~~contents and texts of the e-mail~~ e-mail content data and e-mail attachment-type data, and

an audio data generator configured ~~to generate an audio signal~~ to convert the e-mail message header data, ~~contents and texts of the e-mail~~ e-mail content data and e-mail attachment-type data into an audio signal including corresponding audio header data, audio content data and audio attachment-type identifier data ~~containing contents of the e-mail~~ and to transmit the audio data ~~containing contents of the e-mail message~~ to a client through the communication connector upon a client request, the audio attachment-type identifier data being an announcement of the existence and type of an attachment to the email; and

a memory configured to store the e-mail data, the e-mail message data, and the audio data ~~containing contents of the e-mail;~~

~~wherein the stored audio signal containing contents of the e-mail message data is converted into an audio signal in the audio data generator and is outputted through the communication connector to a client.~~

2. (Original)   The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising an e-mail client program installed system.

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

a video unit ~~for processing~~configured to process the e-mail message data; and

a display unit ~~for displaying~~configured to display the e-mail message data processed by the video unit.

4. (Currently Amendedl)   The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the ~~e-mail message data further contains header information of the e-mail and a message from the sender~~ the plural attachment types comprise an image-type attachment, a video-type attachment, an audio-type attachment, and an email-type attachment.

5. (Currently Amended)   The apparatus of ~~claim 4~~claim 1, wherein the email message header information identifies ~~the~~ a sender's name, a sending date, and a subject of the e-mail.

6. (Currently Amendedl)   The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the e-mail ~~message data~~ controller is further configured to identify ~~identifies~~ a total number of e-mails received by the apparatus ~~for~~ and audio data generator is configured to generate a corresponding audio message to send to the client.

7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the email data further includes gender information and the audio data generator generates is configured to generate the audio signal in a male voice that is not the a sender's voice if the gender information identifies that the sender of the e-mail is a male, and generates to generate the audio signal in a female voice that is not the sender's if the gender information identifies that the sender of the e-mail is a female.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the male voice is also not of a receiver of the e-mail, and the female voice is also not of a receiver of the e-mail.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for converting an e-mail data into an audio data, comprising the steps of:

receiving storing an e-mail when the e-mail is received;

converting storing the received e-mail into as e-mail message header data, e-mail content data and e-mail attachment-type data e-mail message data and storing the e-mail message data, contents and texts of the e-mail;

receiving a request to retrieve the email, including verifying a requestor's identification;

identifying a client's identification when a client requests an e-mail;

converting the e-mail message header data, e-mail content data and e-mail attachment-type datae-mail message data to audio header data, audio content data and audio attachment-type identifier dataaudio-data, the audio attachment-type identifier data being an announcement of the

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existence and type of an attachment to the email;

saving in a memory the audio header data, audio content data and audio attachment-type identifier data~~converted audio data~~; and

transmitting the audio header data, audio content data and audio attachment-type identifier data~~saved converted audio data~~ to the client as an audio signal.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein in said audio converting and storing steps, identification information of the sender of the e-mail is checked and an audio conversion is implemented based on the checked result.

11. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the identifying step includes a step of judging whether there is an e-mail received after the client's identification has been identified.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising a step ~~for~~ of transmitting a message indicating that the e-mail is not received when the e-mail is not received.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising a step ~~for~~ of referencing the sender of the e-mail in an address list.

14. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein said identifying step is implemented using a telephone line or using a direct access to an e-mail service system.

15. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the e-mail data includes gender information of a sender of the e-mail, and said audio signal is generated based on the gender of the sender of the e-mail.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein said audio signal is generated in a male voice that is not the sender's if the gender information identifies that the sender of the e-mail is a male, and said audio signal is generated in a female voice that is not the sender's if the gender information identifies that the sender of the e-mail is a female.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the male voice is also not of a receiver of the e-mail, and the female voice is also not of a receiver of the e-mail.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein, in the step of converting the received e-mail into the e-mail message data, the e-mail message data further contains header information of the e-mail and a message from the sender the plural attachment types comprise an image-type attachment, a video-type attachment, an audio-type attachment, and an email-type attachment.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18claim 9, wherein, in the step of converting the received e-mail into the e-mail message data, the header information identifies

the a name of the a sender, a sending date, and a subject of the e-mail.

20. (Original)   The method of claim 19, wherein the e-mail message data further identifies a total number of e-mails directed to the client.

21-26. (Cancelled)

27. (New) An apparatus for converting e-mail (electronic mail) data into audio data, comprising:

a controller configured to control a conversion of received e-mail data into e-mail message header data, e-mail content data and e-mail attachment-type data; and

an audio data generator configured to convert the e-mail message header data, e-mail content data and e-mail attachment-type data into an audio signal including corresponding audio header data, audio content data and audio attachment-type identifier data, the audio attachment-type identifier data being an announcement of the existence and type of an attachment to the email.

28. (New) A method for converting e-mail data into audio data, the method comprising:

converting e-mail message header data, e-mail content data and e-mail attachment-type data to audio header data, audio content data and audio attachment-type identifier data, the audio attachment-type identifier data being an announcement of the existence and type of an attachment to the email; and

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transmitting the audio header data, audio content data and audio attachment-type identifier

data as an audio signal.